

Remarks

Claims 1 - 16 and 18 and 19 have been rejected under §§ 102, 103, and 112. These claims have been cancelled.

Claim 17 was indicated as allowable if rewritten to include all base claim limitations. This has been done in new claim 20 submitted herewith.

The new claims 20 - 36 presented here correspond roughly to the now cancelled claims as follows:

| New Claim | Old Claim |
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| 20 | 1 + 17 |
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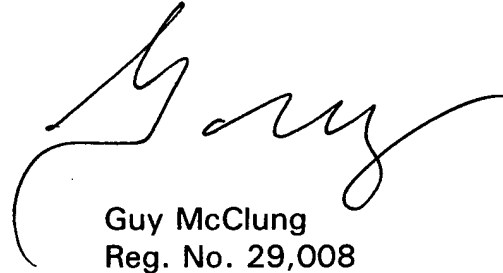
New independent claim 37 recites limitations regarding expandable material as is also deemed to be allowable.

Claim 14, rejected under § 112, has been cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicants appreciate the careful and detailed Office Action. This is intended to be a complete Response to the Office Action. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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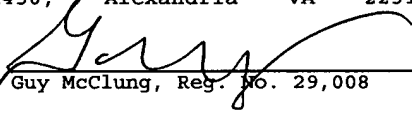
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